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Man sentenced for robbing Maplewood, West St. Paul banks

A 36-year-old man was sentenced yesterday in federal court for holding-up two Twin Cities metro area banks last year.

United States District Court Judge James Rosenbaum sentenced Samuel Patrick Sutton, unknown address, to 96 months in prison and three years supervised release on one count of bank robbery Sept. 8 in Minneapolis. Sutton was indicted on Dec. 18, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Feb. 26, 2008. As part of his plea agreement, Sutton acknowledged robbing a second TCF Bank.

According to his plea agreement, Sutton did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$3,182 from a teller at the TCF Bank, located at the Cub Foods store in West St. Paul on Nov. 13, 2007. Then on Dec. 3, 2007, Sutton took approximately \$3,000 by force, violence and intimidation from a teller at the TCF Bank in Maplewood.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police departments of Maplewood and West St. Paul, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Dees.